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Baseball team experiences good year so far. See story on page 6.

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Mock trial team meets with success at nationals in Iowa

by Donna Heitz

On April 1-2, Saint Joseph's College was represented by a team of students at the Mock Trial Nationals for the first time since 1984.

SJC's Mock Trial team is not just any old team either. With the exception of two-year member, Senior Brian Guerre, the group is comprised of first-time Mock Trial participants.

Led by Guerre, team captain, and coach Judge Robert Monfort, Professor of Accounting/Finance at Saint Joseph's College, the SJC team includes Juniors Brigid Boos and Mike Tackett; Sophomores Sherry Forsythe, Sherrie Jankowski, and Mark Sansone; and Freshmen April Armstong, Kathleen Brass, Tiffany Brooks, and Matt Jenks.

Armstrong ranked among the top 8 out of 216 witnesses in her division and thereby received an award for Best Witness.

72 teams from around the United States participated in the national tournament this past weekend. Saint Joseph's College is one of the schools that left with an award. Other schools, such as the Air Force Academy, Duke University and Notre Dame, sent teams to compete but headed for home empty-handed.

Each year, the American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) conducts the annual Mock Trial competitions. This year's national competition took place in Des Moines, Iowa, where AMTA's headquarters are stationed.

At practices for the competition, which began in December, Monfort taught the students the fundamentals of trial. The team proceeded to rehearse 2-3 times a week. Mock Trial scrimmages were also held between Saint Joseph's College and Purdue University.

For regional competition, each team was sent a duplicate of the same case. The teams then split into defendant and plaintiff and prepared their respective arguments. The SJC students placed eighth at Regionals and were automatically invited to compete at Nationals. At the national competition, the same case was used with a few additions.

When they arrived in Des Moines, the 72 teams were separated into two divisions consisting of 36 teams. The teams enacted their version of the trial against four different teams. According to Monfort, each trial resulted in two votes by the judges, meaning that a team could attain a maximum of eight votes.

Defeats over Penn State and Elmhurst College led a triumphant SJC team to a 4-4 record, with losses to Duke University and the College of St. Francis.

"It is an accomplishment for SJC's team [just to have made it to nationals]," says Sansone, "but to be able to beat good teams was something unexpected."

Monfort is tremendously proud of this team's honesty and hard work. He hopes that members of the current Mock Trial team will return to go even further at Nationals next year.

All-campus forum discusses security issue

by Jeffrey Kirch

On March 29, SA President Eric McKeown and Vice-President Bill Pearson hosted the first of two all-campus open forums promised during their campaign.

There were seven students and three administration officials present at the first forum, which dealt mainly with the issue of campus security.

Despite the lack of student interest, President Albert Shannon believed that the forum was a success. Shannon said, "What other school can you go to and have the student body president listen to your individual concerns?"

The students agreed that the two main concerns with security are safety and liability. The proposed key lock system, which has been

endorsed by the faculty and the student life committee, was a topic of debate.

Many of the students were worried about the proposal because it could violate the "open atmosphere" of the campus. According to various participants of the forum, many incoming freshmen were impressed with residents not locking their doors.

A question posed at the forum was: Is the percentage of crimes really so high that the campus must be locked down?

Bill Maniscalco, Vice-President for Student Affairs, pointed out that the proposals do not require 24 hour locking of the dorms. He also mentioned that, with a key lock system, the concept of "looser" visitation hours is more conceivable.

Alternatives to the key

lock system were also discussed. Students suggested placing workers at front desks of Justin and Halas and keeping security personnel at these dorms at all times. Security wings, similar to study floors, were also suggested. McKeown said that this would help ease the legal liability and still maintain the open nature of the campus.

Another reason students did not agree with the key lock system was that the campus has no other student "communal" area. The HUB, according to the students, is not a meeting place for many students; rather, the dorms serve as the meeting place.

Following the meeting, a special committee of the Student Senate met to narrow and refine the Student Senate's position on the security issue.

SJC seeks recognition with new seals and logos

by Julia Garcia

Recently, a new seal was added to the family of logos and typestyles for Saint Joseph's College. According to Lisa Las, Director of Public Relations and Publications, "A new seal was designed because we changed the college's location from Collègeville to Rensselaer. Nothing else was changed on the seal except that."

The change in location on the logo was necessary for "public relations, marketing, and image development and consistency," added Las.

According to Las, the

Vice-President of Institutional Advancement, Jim Britt, noticed that the seal was in need of updating, and he brought it to the attention of President Albert Shannon.

Shannon agreed with Britt's assessment and presented the idea to the Board of Trustees, who voted in favor of updating the seal.

Las said, "It is important that our public [potential students, parents, alumni, media, high school counselors, benefactors, etc.] begins to have a consistent image of us."

"When the public sees the letters 'ND' designed in a certain way, it immediately

registers to be the monogram logo for the University of Notre Dame. Although Saint Joseph's is not at the same national sight-recognition level as Notre Dame, we are striving to create recognition with our publics," stated Las.

The new seal is one of a group of approved Saint Joseph's College logos and typestyles that must be used if a logo of SJC is used.

The approved Saint Joseph's College logos and typestyles include a puma paw, a horizontal and vertical logo for SJC and many other recognizable logos and typestyles.



This logo is one of the new seals and logos approved by the Saint Joseph's College Public Relations Department.

Rape: A personal tale of dating violence

I have something important to say, so please listen. In the time it takes for you to read this article, your eyes will be opened, you will begin to know part of who I really am.

An uncomfortable hesitancy fills me when I think about opening myself up to you. I am making myself very vulnerable at this point. But when I remember that there are other girls, boys, women, men and children like me, this hesitancy subsides and even seems selfish. Just please, open yourself up to what I have to say.

I own my body. You own yours. Each of us has control over what we do with our bodies. Sure, we are out to have a fun time, but there is a limit to everything.

If I ask you not to touch me, do you remove your hand from my shoulder? Maybe I am not in the mood to be touched or hugged.

If I tell you to stop hurting me, do you continue to wrestle with me? My brothers and I wrestle and play football together all of the time. But when one person gets hurt, the game stops, right? Then when the game goes on, the players

are careful not to get too rough because we want to keep from hurting that same person, or someone else, again.

Common courtesy. Respect for others. Self control. Does it make sense? Do you see the connections?

When I say to you "No, I am not ready to have sex," or "No, I don't want to be touched there," I expect you to listen to me, to hear the words I speak. Treat it the same as if we were playing football and I got hurt. You don't continue to hurt me in the game, so handle my request to not partake in a certain aspect of our physical relationship with the same regards.

Four-and-a-half years ago, I was fourteen years old and a freshmen in high school. I had a boyfriend--someone I knew; someone I trusted--who I had been seeing.

One night, the yes-or-no sex issue surfaced. What did I say? "No." Not once, not twice, but THREE TIMES. It happened anyway. My right to choose was ignored. My dignity swept away. What I held sacred--my body, my virginity, my dream of saving myself for marriage--was ripped from me in the minute or two that

boy had to decide whether or not to respect my wishes. He took away what was rightfully mine.

And now, four-and-a-half years later, I deal with the hurt which is a consequence of one person's pleasure, I deal with what is called rape. Yesterday, today, and every day... for the rest of my life. Rape does not go away, nor does its pain.

With counseling, I have begun to accept the rape--which, I cannot change--and talk about it, too. Dealing with the rape, rather than hiding it in the past, helps me in the healing process. I realize that it is okay for me to hurt, for me to cry. And as much as it hurts, it is okay to tell. I am not alone anymore.

Until I had been raped, I pictured rape as something violent. Rape was a man chasing a woman through the woods with a knife. A burglar holding a woman at gunpoint in her own house. Even today, I associate rape with the song "Me and a Gun" by Tori Amos. ("...me and a gun and a man on my back...")

Rape can happen to anyone, anywhere, including me. Rape is not about violence, though. It is about respect and

listening to what others say to you. Rape is about "no" meaning "no." Rape results from disrespect for another person's right to choose his/her own fate.

Common courtesy. Respect for others. Self control. Make the connections. Do not take away another person's dreams, hopes, aspirations, and dignity for selfish reasons or for a moment of pleasure.

I know that when I walk into the cafeteria today, you will see me in a different light. You might even treat me a little differently. Please don't. I have not changed since you passed me walking to class yesterday. I am still the same "D.J." Do not give me your sympathy--it does me no good. I only ask you to reflect upon what I have to say. Look at your own life. Do you give others the respect they deserve as a human being, as a person, as a gift from of God? Do you listen to others when they talk to you? When a person says "no," what do you hear?

For more information about rape, you can call the Jasper County Crisis Center Hotline at 866-8825 or 1-800-933-0374 (lines open 24 hours).

--Donna Jean Heitz

Smoking in dorms is dangerous to all

You hear it on the radio, read it in the newspapers and see it on TV: Smoking is dangerous.

It has been proven that smoking is not only harmful to the smoker, but everyone who breathes the smoke. In fact, breathing second-hand smoke can actually be worse than smoking a cigarette. Because of this, most buildings today are non-smoking environments. Malls, restaurants, companies and other public places enforce non-smoking rules.

Shouldn't college buildings, which are also public places, be non-smoking environments, too?

According to the College rules, smoking is prohibited in public areas. These non-smoking areas include the Science Hall, classrooms, the auditorium and the gymnasium.

What about the dorms where students spend most of their time? Shouldn't they be non-smoking areas, too? Aren't they public places? Sure, smoking is not supposed to be allowed in the

hallways of the dorms, but how often is that rule actually enforced? And, with the poor ventilation systems in the dorms, would it actually make a difference if it was? When anyone in the building is making popcorn, everyone can smell it. The same thing is true for smoke.

I'm not advocating that anyone who smokes should quit this very moment. If you choose to poison your lungs with smoke, then by all means do so. However, those of us that do not wish to die of lung cancer should not be forced to inhale smoke.

Saint Joseph's College should become more respectful of the rights of non-smokers. I realize that banning smoking from all of the dorms is a bit drastic. However, it would not be totally unreasonable to designate certain dorms as smoking and non-smoking, and, therefore, give the students a chance to choose whether or not to poison their lungs.

--ashley pierce

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Education classes offer future teachers a broader base

by Ashley Pierce

Several children look to them for guidance every day. Their job has many facets; not only are they educators, but also friends, disciplinarians and mentors to their pupils.

Teachers play a very important role in shaping the lives of their students. Their job is a very demanding, yet also rewarding profession. However, a question that some are beginning to ask is: are teachers receiving enough preparation in college?

Saint Joseph's College Associate Professor of Education Ed Habrowski doesn't think so. Habrowski is changing the methods used in the teaching of future educators. He wants to ensure that education majors are well prepared for teaching jobs.

Saint Joe's has recently been re-accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), which assures reciprocal certification in most states.

There are three types of NCATE certified programs offered at Saint Joseph's: Elementary (1-6), All Grade (K-12) and Senior High, Junior

High/Middle School (5-12). Also, another addition to the education program includes a mild disability endorsement.

Habrowski stated, "In the future, I would like to see all secondary education students take courses dealing with special children in the classrooms."

Currently, there are courses offered which instruct teachers in dealing with children with extraordinary learning abilities as well as those with learning disabilities.

According to Habrowski, the courses dealing with special children were added because "the local schools are experiencing more and more cases of exceptional students in classes." Teachers need to be prepared to adapt their lessons to fit the special needs of the children.

According to Habrowski, another reason the curriculum was updated to include the special education courses is because of a new federal inclusion law that states that teachers must be aware of all learning disabilities.

Classes are no longer as separated as they used to

be; children of all learning types are often grouped in the same room. Teachers have to be able to deal with students with different learning abilities.

To provide the best instruction for the courses, two new professors were added to the Education Department's staff. Professors who are instructing the courses include Joyce Butler, Karen Craig and Bernard Hannon.

Butler is instructing a course on the methods and materials for learning disabled students, while Hannon is instructing a course on the identification of specific mild disabilities.

Craig is teaching courses on exceptional children in the classroom as well as an introduction to learning problems. Also, Craig has gone back to school to learn about working with children with disabilities.

Including these courses as a requirement for all education majors at Saint Joseph's is only a plan right now, but Habrowski hopes to have it implemented by mid-



photo by Rachel Hempel

Dr. Karen Craig teaches courses on gifted and disabled children as a new addition to SJC's education program.

1995. "This would mean that current freshmen (education majors) would be required to take the special education courses before graduation," explained Habrowski.

Habrowski believes that education students will benefit from taking courses dealing with the instruction of special students. He commented, "Elementary education majors have enjoyed taking the courses and many have been hired because of their knowledge in dealing with

exceptional children."

The face of education is changing, and Habrowski hopes to change the Education Department at Saint Joe's along with it.

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Law class has fulfilling experience

by DeAnn Hazzard

On Monday, December 5, 1994, Professor Jennifer Abbassi's International Law class traveled to Northwestern University to express their opinions to Anthony D'Amato Leighton, Professor of Law at Northwestern. D'Amato earned a Ph.D from Yale and is also the editor of the textbooks used by the International Law class.

According to Abbassi, throughout the semester the students began to question some of D'Amato's assumptions about the international law system. In response, the students were initially plan-

ning to write an individual letter to D'Amato outlining their thoughts.

"The underlying contention of the students was that the law books did not weave in the division of power in the international system. Instead D'Amato works in a theoretical legal framework that assumes that power is evenly distributed between nation states," said Abbassi.

Instead of writing the letter to express their conflicting views, the students invited D'Amato to the international law class, but unfortunately he was unable to attend. So the students decided to visit

him at Northwestern by way of the Puma bus with funds provided by Dr. Parker.

According to Abbassi, the students were prepared to discuss their points with him, and once they overcame their apprehension, the "students settled into the material they wanted to discuss with him and it turned out to be a really productive learning experience for everyone, including D'Amato."

"D'Amato conceded that these books were written for law students and were deficient in the political aspects of the international law system," said Abbassi.

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Environmental Club: successful through student efforts

By Matt Owens

Prior to Earth Week (last week) many people may have been unaware of the Environmental Club's presence on campus. Yes, they may only be a few years old and have less than 15 active members, but this club has shown this past year, especially last week, that they are for real.

This year, even before Earth Week, the Environmental Club has tried to do things to reduce waste on campus. One of the programs they have started is the magazine swap. They put bins in the basement of Dwenger and in front of the auditorium in hopes that people will put their old magazines in there instead of throwing them out. If someone wanted something to read, they could check to see what is in the bins and borrow a selection from there.

So far, the Magazine Swap has not had as much success as was originally planned. Not enough people are taking advantage of this useful service, which promotes the reuse of our resources.

Environmental Club member, Jen Palecek, feels it is "important not to just sit back and talk about what we can do for the environment, but to actually do something about it." This is exactly what the magazine bins are trying to promote people to do.

The culmination of what the Environmental Club is trying to promote was reached during their own separate Earth Week. Environmental Club President, Heather Lonborg, said, "The Environmental Club is trying to put on activities to raise the awareness on campus about the environmental problems we face today both locally and globally."

"It has been very hard...to get any substantial money from the school..."

It started off Monday with Dr. Robert Brodman's lecture on the new Environmental Science major that will be offered next year. On Wednesday, Dr. Karen Craig gave a lecture on Chemicals in the Environment and there was a Nature Poetry reading in the Old Snack Bar. Friday's event was a campus clean up effort by volunteers equipped with rubber gloves and trash bags.

All week, thanks to the help of the Art Design class and Campus Ministry, there was a sculpture display in Halleck and environmental information cards and signs posted around campus.

Even though these events were not as well attended as hoped for by the students of Saint Joseph's,



photo by Rachel Hempel
Sophomore Heather Meyer sifts through the magazine swap bin

they at least touched a few people and did some good for the environment, which is a start. Senior Barbara Hollkamp feels "not a lot of people are involved with the environment here, so it is hard to get things done. If they seriously want to help, they should attend or help out with some of the events we put on."

Probably the most successful event during Earth Week for the Environmental Club was its Bazaar on Thursday outside of the ballroom. The Bazaar was put on to raise the student's interest in the environment. The Bazaar included information on various causes, videos on and about the environment, refreshments, and the selling of t-shirts and bead necklaces.

Lonborg believes the "fate of

the Earth affects us all, so we should be interested in these issues."

The t-shirt and bead necklace sales provided greatly needed money for the very low-budgeted Environmental Club. Almost all of their funds come from members' dues, so the club has had great financial restraints this year. It has been very hard for them to get any substantial money from the school, and so they have had to rely mainly on what they could raise for themselves, unlike some other clubs on campus.

The Environmental Club plans on using the profits from Earth Week and, hopefully, Little 500 weekend to try to institute a desperately needed paper recycling program at Saint Joseph's in the near future.

Switchboard is 'heart' of Saint Joseph's College

by Cindy Aubuchon

Every time you dial "0" on your campus phone, someone is at the other end to answer your call and patch you through to the destination you request. Sometimes students take for granted that there will be a person on the other end of the line to answer their call.

The switchboard operator must be very responsible, retaining a vast amount of information to be relayed to callers and working side by side with Security to ensure the safety of the community of Saint Joseph's College.

Not only do the operators answer all incoming calls, they are also responsible for nightly time checks with Security officers, contacting Security in the case of an emergency, contacting various emergency crews

when the need arises as well as being accountable for knowing nearly everyone on campus and which office they work in or where they might live.

The operators are also accountable for knowing all events taking place on or around campus and are often called upon for off-campus phone numbers in Rensselaer and some of the surrounding cities in Indiana and Illinois.

Since the switchboard is the information center of Saint Joe's, it can be considered the heart of the college. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year, someone is present to answer the calls of the students, professors and administrators on campus as well as take calls from hundreds of people off campus. Often, when the phone does go unanswered, the operator is either answer-

ing another call, taking care of an emergency, talking to Security, or taking a short break to use the restroom.

Supervisor Anne Pixley has worked at the switchboard for 13 years. Her responsibilities, besides answering the phone, include making sure that every shift is covered and that there is plenty of help in the summer and during the school year. She also takes care of the student payroll and posts professors' class and office schedules. She also posts information vital to the smooth operation of the college.

Pixley said, "The most enjoyable thing about being an operator is meeting and talking to a lot of people. Every day is different and brings new experiences." However, working as an operator can be frustrating as well. "Irate people on the other end of the

line can be frustrating," Pixley said, "because we're doing the best that we can."

Pixley is also responsible for hiring new operators and looks for certain qualities in a person before he or she can be hired. "They must have a nice personality and have the ability to be responsible, like being on time for work and showing up to relieve the person on duty. We try to hire students who live close-by and are available to work during breaks, but sometimes that is not possible."

Before being hired as an operator, the student must have a clean, honest record with the Student Affairs Office, and get approval from Ernest Watson, Director of Security, and Student Affairs.

Mary Chesak has worked at
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the Switchboard for twelve and a half years, and said that she feels like a "proxy mom." "I enjoy working with people, and I feel at home here at Saint Joe's." Chesak had four children graduate from Saint Joe's, and her daughter Lynn was the first student operator at the switchboard, working from 1983 until 1985, when she graduated.

The student operators have

also had a lot of experience in answering calls. Eileen Wodda and Sara Burman have been employed for 4 years. Kristen Hyvonen, Michael Hyvonen, Amy Wright and Rita Hawkins have each worked at the switchboard for 2 years, and Cindy Aubuchon has been working there since September.

The switchboard is the information system of the campus, and

they are asked to perform a number of tasks for students and professors. "The strangest thing we were asked to do was babysit a cat here in our tiny office. We were also asked to find a home for about a dozen baby chicks," Pixley said. The next time you dial "0" and don't get an answer, remember that the responsibilities of the switchboard operator are innumerable.

Phone-a-thon considered great success

by Cindy Aubuchon

Recently, the students at Saint Joseph's College were given the opportunity to participate in one of the biggest fund-raisers on campus—the annual phone-a-thon.

During the phone-a-thon, the participating students call former Saint Joe's alumni and friends and ask for pledges for the scholarship fund. Inge Erickson, Director of Development at Saint Joseph's College, said she was impressed by the efforts students gave this year. "The students came in and worked very hard and they were diligent when making the phone calls." Erickson also said that the student response to participate in the phone-a-thon was good. "Participation by students can be problematic, especially at the beginning of the

phone-a-thon. I wish there were more participation on the part of the students, but I'm happy with the effort that the students put forth towards raising money for the scholarship fund."

Erickson also commented on the fact that some professors make participation mandatory for their classes.

When asked why she participated in the phone-a-thon, Kimberly Chapman stated, "I think it's very interesting to talk with the former alumni of Saint Joseph's College, and I have a lot fun making calls and talking on the phone." Chapman participated in the phone-a-thon for two nights and walked away with the first prize of \$60 the first night she made calls. "I think I got about \$1400 in

pledges the first night, but every night after that, the winner had more money pledged from alumni."

Susan Banner also participated in the phone-a-thon this year. "I think anyone who has a scholarship has the duty to participate, because without those pledges, some of us wouldn't be here today," Banner stated.

This year's participants raised approximately \$83,000 in pledges over the phone, all of which will be used for future scholarships at the College. "Participating in the phone-a-thon is a marvelous experience for students. They have the opportunity to deal with human nature over the phone, and it's a great addition to their resumes when they go job-hunting," Erickson stated.

ACES brings 'alternative choice' to SJC

by Audra Bailey

An innovative idea has hit the SJC campus that will allow students to take "alternative choice experiences" and stand behind them. ACES, termed by way of the mission statement, stands for the "Alternative Choice ExperienceS" and is "shooting for responsibility, not a completely dry campus," said ACES President Brian Kufner.

"There are some people on this campus who don't drink. They need to know that there are ways to have a good time than going to parties. ACES isn't a crusade, but a circle of people who have a common bond, which is having fun without the alcohol," said Kufner.

In January 1994, Kufner, along with President Shannon, Brett

Byers and Dan Doctor decided that it was time to provide and fund an official college organization that granted students an alternative to alcohol consumption on campus.

Given money to "get it going," Kufner declared that "the money was not just for ACES, but for the College itself."

"There are some people on this campus who don't drink."

The organizing committee has used the NAAW, National Alcohol Awareness Week, to possibly help educate students about alcohol use and abuse. According to Kufner, "ACES is community-oriented to make SJC a more informed, safer and involved campus."

In trying their luck to entertain and educate, ACES hosted the "Flipside" on February 20. A night full of door prizes, live musical entertainment, raffles, and non-alcoholic drinks, Kufner thought it to be quite a successful turnout. "For a week night, it was a pretty good attendance of at least 100 people! It was a good time," he said.

Serving the campus community with "alternate choice experiences," the group's mission is to entertain and educate students. Kufner expressed the community-orientation of ACES, saying, "We want and need to take advantage of campus resources, students, and their talents—musicians, artists, etc.—and try to create something for all of us to enjoy."

Concert Connection

By Jenny Palecek

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Life is good for Puma baseball players

By Erin Breetzke

With the successful completion of their first tournament, excitement and optimism are running deep among the Saint Joseph's baseball family. Ranked twenty-eighth in the nation, the team is constantly improving their record of 16 wins, 5 losses, and 2 ties. Though half of the season is yet to be played, the team is out in full force.

Players are excited about the team's present performance and about what can happen in the future, yet they are taking it in stride.

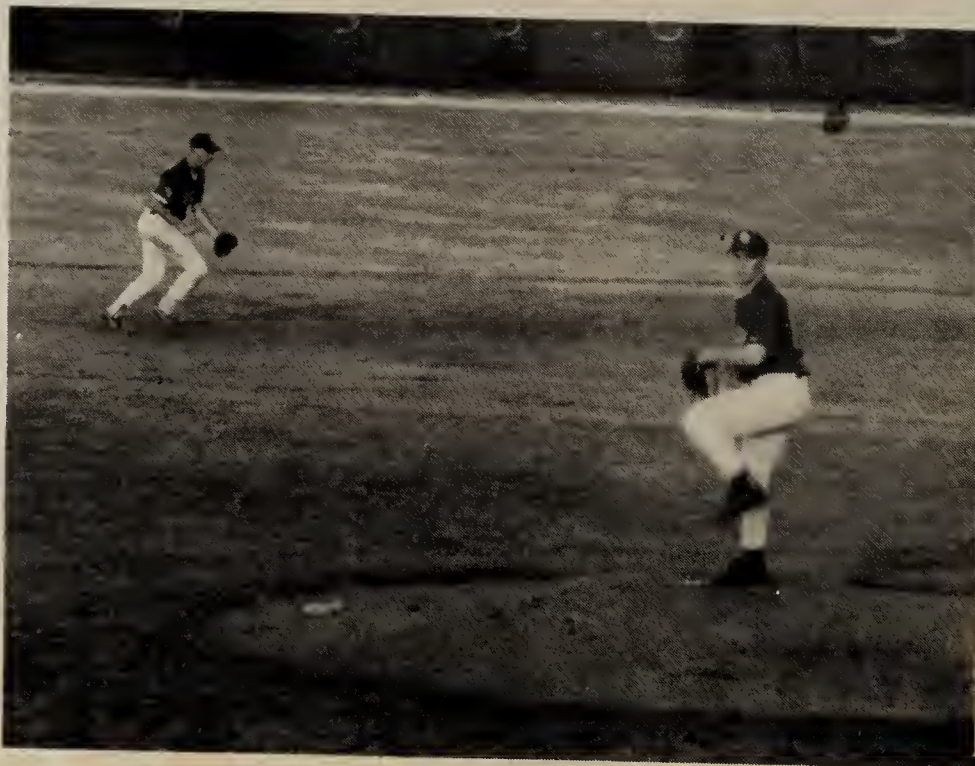
"The team is playing really well. We've got to take it one goal at a time and one game at a time," Freshman first baseman Marty Dykas stated. "You can't let anything sneak by you."

March twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth, the Pumas made a clean sweep at the Saint Joseph's baseball tournament by winning all three games against Oakland University (6-3), Wisconsin Parkside (18-3), and Edinboro (10-7). The skills of winning pitchers Jake Chapman, Bob Bowser, and Mike Olson respectively, contributed much to the team's success.

"The tournament was one of the biggest stepping stones," Junior outfielder Dave Goes said. "Beating nationally ranked Edinboro gave us the idea we can play with anyone in the country."

Other players were a little more ecstatic about the wins against such good teams, and feel the success is a good motivator.

"That's three big wins," Sophomore third baseman Larry Satkoski exclaimed. "It gets us on a roll



Sophomore Jeff Bull warms up on the mound before a recent Puma baseball game as Junior second baseman Dominic Horgeshimer takes some groundballs. The Pumas return to action Saturday against Northern Kentucky.

photo by Rachel Hempel

and gives us some good experience."

As the season progresses, the team is doing more than just improving. April first, during the Kentucky State double header (Saint Joseph's won 25-0 and 29-0 with Junior Bob Bowser and Senior Mo Sylvano as the winning pitchers), a couple of school records were both created and broken. In the first game against Kentucky State, Junior outfielders Goes and Art Carrison tied the school record of five hits in one game. In the second game, Goes went on to hit three home runs. This broke the former school record of two home runs set back in 1940. Even with these accomplishments, the team feels some areas of their game can still be improved.

"We're hitting well and need to continue to work

hard and just keep hitting the crebbins out of the ball," Junior pitcher Mike Olson stated.

That shouldn't be much of a problem, considering the Pumas boast players with batting averages of .555 (Freshman David Faust), .471 (Junior Larry Glozier), and .392 (Junior Dominic Horgeshimer).

Coach Moyzis feels that with his understanding of the interworkings of the team, he can see exactly what will make the them better.

"We need to improve our concentration and consistency with stealing," he commented. "Day to day with each individual, we need to work on their weaknesses through repetition and film study."

In general, the team is feeling well and having fun, but they have not let it go to their heads.

that playing the game and learning are some of the most important points that have made the team so successful up to this point.

"We're where we want to be, but it's still early. As far as wins and losses, we're not looking at that too much," Sylvano commented. "The execution and learning keep us sharp and put us in the right direction."

Just like the tortoise and the hare, some players feel "slowly but surely" wins the race.

"We're taking it one step at a time," Fitzgibbon stated. "Our goal is each day," he added.

"So far from what I've taken in, I've realized how good it can be, and we realize this and are confident," Goes stated. "If you have no doubts in yourself, no one will beat you."

Other players are excited to press on in full force and foresee an exciting and exhilarating second half of the season.

"We're a young team and it's exciting to get better and better as the year goes on," Satkoski explained.

Overall, Coach Moyzis is proud of the job the team has done and is looking forward to the second half of the season.

"The guys are excited and realize how good we are going to be. They play really well and get better and more experienced as the year goes on," Coach Moyzis explained. "Getting better is a fundamental starting point and you can't be satisfied. Every day you either get better or worse. You never stay the same."

The Pumas return to action Saturday against Northern Kentucky.

"We're pleased with where we're at. We're young and still learning," Senior pitcher Mo Sylvano explained.

Injuries to key players such as Carrison and Junior right fielder John Fitzgibbon have ironically helped by making the team work harder and bringing everyone closer together.

"The season is a big test. We're a young team and need to adjust, but there is a lot of team unity," Fitzgibbon stated.

Many team members set goals for themselves in different stages of the season on both the personal and team level. Many players are satisfied with where they are at in the season.

"I think we can go far. We get better with every game, and this a physical goal," Satkoski explained.

Other players believe

Tennis men happy about 3-2 start

By Emily Karol

This year's men's tennis team is off to a promising start, with a 3-2 record overall and a 2-0 record in the conference. The Pumas defeated teams from Anderson University, Kentucky Wesleyan, and Lewis. They lost to University of Chicago and Wabash.

The tennis team is led by Junior Steve Errington and Sophomore Jude Clover, who play first and second singles respectfully. Occupying the third through sixth positions are, in order, Sophomore John Chovanec, Sophomore Darren Haas, Freshman James Blinzinger, and Freshman Aaron Bates.

First doubles are played by Errington and Haas, with Clover and Blinzinger in the second slot, and Chovanec and Freshman Ben Waldron in third.

Coach John Barrientos predicts that the team's match against Northern Kentucky will be the most challenging, along with the match against University of

Indianapolis.

The Pumas have not been very successful against these two teams in the past and hope to make a better showing this year.

Junior Steve Errington believes that the team is ready to do just that. He states, "I think we have more potential than we did last year. Players are starting to play up to where they should. Our outlook is for a better record."

Barrientos is looking for a record around the .500 mark. He explains, "If we hit .500, we'll consider that a good season."

Currently the tennis team is one match over .500 with their win against Lewis pushing them over the mark. Barrientos considers the 5-4 win to be the best of the season. He describes it as a "storybook finish that came down to the last set."

Just recently the team illustrated its versatility by playing in the snow in their match against Joliet Junior College on March

30. Unfortunately, the valient effort was not rewarded, for the game was eventually called.

Darren Haas enjoyed the change of pace, if not the cold. He said, "It was fun. I've never played tennis in the snow before."

Weather permitting, (every team member is hopeful that the last snow of the year has come and gone) the players feel optimistic about their remaining season. Coach Barrientos believes that the team's strength is that the majority of the players are experienced. He states, "We have a sprinkling of new players, with the older ones to lead them on."

Jude Clover feels that the team has the potential to be strong and competitive for the next couple of seasons because "there are no seniors and the team will all be together for at least two years." He admits that his team is not the best in the conference, but is sure that they "have the capability to surprise any team [they] play."

Softball team is gaining confidence

By Jill Peterson

With several games under their belt, the Saint Joseph's Softball Team now believes that they are ready to show everyone how they are capable of playing. An overall record of 2-12 and a conference record consisting of two wins and five losses still can give the team hopes for a .500 season, according to Ernest Watson Jr, Head Coach returning for his fifth year.

"The first games we played have basically been like pre-season games to get us warmed up," Watson said. "We are just now working out all of the bugs in our program and are getting to a stage where we feel confident."

Sophomore pitcher Michelle Heilman agreed that the team is slowly putting "it all together." "We would like to see more wins now that we have a set lineup and we are more confident in ourselves," she stated.

The Lady Pumas have played in a couple of invitationals including the Southern Illinois University Tournament and a conference cluster tourney at Kentucky Wesleyan.

Watson commented that he expects the team to play its best the latter half of the season. "As long as we execute, I don't mind if we lose. Winning and losing doesn't make a good or bad team. What truly matters to me is how the players get along and give 100% effort each game. I love watching my players be aggressive on the field," he said.

The roster consists of Freshmen Kathy Braun, Kristen Brown, Jennifer Kenyeri, Nichole Lukowski, Susan Merritt, Jennifer

Nahorski, and Sharon Rhyne; Sophomores Michelle Heilman, Jill Ogger, Terra Schafer, and Theresa Ziemba; Juniors Danielle Figlio, Jodi Firth, Elizabeth Olivencia, and April Slupski; Senior Pamela Lanie. Linda Deno and Mark Settle assist Watson with the Puma squad as well as Student Assistants Sharon Bowling, Chad Creager, and Stacy Drake.

The team's strengths and weaknesses include strong hitting and pitching and weaker confidence and fielding. Danielle Figlio, an All-Great Lakes Valley Conference Team Member last year said, "Even though we got off to a slow start, we are coming together offensively and defensively. We plan to be a tough contender for the conference tournament."

Watson said he is exceptionally pleased with the performances from some freshmen. "Kathy Braun, Nichole Lukowski, and Jennifer Nahorski are really playing well," he noted.

Kenyeri, a freshman outfielder, observed that college softball is a step above the high school level. "I imagined college softball to be more team oriented and competitive. I have found out that I really need to know my fellow teammates because communication on the playing field is tremendously important."

Watson continued his compliments by giving his juniors seniors their due credit.

"My upperclasswomen are especially taking on the role of being good leaders. Every team needs certain role models to motivate and encourage other members, and overcome the bad times and enjoy the good ones."

Ball Fondlers, Tidows, Straight Ballin' take respective I.M. titles

By Donna Bossung

A capacity crowd was on hand at the Richard F. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse to watch three very exciting basketball games. Okay, so the gymnasium was not exactly full, but the games were full of excitement and friendly competition.

Intramural basketball came to a close on Thursday March 23, as six teams vied for the

coveted championship tee-shirts. Each league in the program started with an increased number of teams this year, but in the end only one team from each of the three leagues stood alone in the shining light of victory.

The women's championship was a battle between league leaders The Ball Fondlers and The Get Along Gang. The Ball Fondlers, led by the scoring ef-

forts of Senior Carmen Skoog and Sophomore Jennifer Benedetti, who scored 16 and 8 points respectively, controlled the game from the onset in route to a 44-22 victory. Freshman Mary Zureck led the Get Along Gang in scoring with 8 points.

The men's B League championship contenders were the Tidows and the Bagels. The Tidows hit crucial free throws down the stretch to outlast the Bagels 72-63. Leading the way for the champions were Sophomore Darren Haas with 28 points and Sophomore Jude Clover with 11. Sophomore Chris George gave a good effort for the Bagels scoring 18 points in the loss.

It was a real nail-biter for the crowd during the men's A League final featuring Straight Ballin' and Penetration. With only three seconds left in the game, Sophomore Mourad Guiragossian hit a three-pointer to pull Straight Ballin' ahead. A last second attempt by Penetration failed and Straight Ballin' walked away with the title. Freshman Goldie Ashford led the champions with 18 points, Freshman Reggie Edwards followed with 14, and Guiragossian finished with 9. Junior Brad Evans led all scorers with 25 points in the

loss, while fellow Freshman teammate Jason Rozanski added 15.

Final statistics show the following participants to be the league leading scorers for the season: Donna Bossung (11.8 ppg) and Becky Hicklin (10.0 ppg), women's league; Chris George (25.7 ppg) and Darren Haas (24.4 ppg), men's B league; Freshman Brian Outlaw (20.6 ppg) and Jason Rozanski (20.2 ppg), men's A league.

League Commissioner Damon Scheid praised this year's program and the level of participa-

tion. He said, "I think the season went very well, and it was great to see such good competition in each division."



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Random acts of kindness can relieve stress and make you happier

by Kathleen Brass

I noticed something this weekend that I never really thought of before. While I was at the banquet of the national Mock-Trial Competition, someone gave a speech about a senior who would not be back to compete next year.

As I sat back and listened to this speech, I began to ponder about my own experiences and the seniors at Saint Joseph's College.

In about one month all of the seniors will be saying their last goodbyes to Saint Joseph's College. This realization is a rude awakening. People come and go so quickly and nothing will truly ever be the way it was when they are gone.

I also began to think about the fact that nearly ev-

eryone comes and goes very quickly. People that you meet on the street, and even your dearest friends, will come and go at one point or another.

Saint Joseph's College has introduced me to some very interesting people that I am sure that I would not have gotten to know anywhere else. I am thankful for that.

Since this is Stress Relief week on campus, I think people should realize that human contact is one way to relieve stress.

Take the opportunity to talk to people and let people know how important they are to you.

Not only will you make someone else's day, it can make your life a little less stressful and maybe even happier.

Writer's workshop offered this spring

by Candace McGroarty

For all of those aspiring writers out there, who take their work seriously and would like constructive criticism about their work, a writer's workshop will be offered during spring session.

A writer's workshop provides a community of readers and a supportive environment for constructive criticism.

The workshop will be lead by Dr. Charles Kerlin and will meet for about four hours a week during a five week period.

Participants in the workshop will have ample time to write and critique, as well as travel to Western Michigan University for a writer's workshop.

If interested please contact Dr. Kerlin by e-mail as soon as possible.

Freedom

I sit and let it caress my hair, send chills down my spine.
spread my thoughts

as if they were pollen.

It makes me feel as if I hadn't a care, the only vessel
that relieves me of my burdens,
takes them afar and leaves me behind
alone to contemplate.

It is an emancipation from reality.

Yet there is something eerie about the air

which questions my very appearance.

Whining for me to absorb it, breathe it, and never forget it.

I shall never forget a day of such importance.

A day in which I can be lighthearted, free

to feel the way every man should wish to feel.

By all means, this day should never end.

I feel as though it were only me, alone, trapped,
inside this essence, as though it only breathes for me,
that I am insignificant,

yet seem to maintain complete control
sadness grasps me in its arms

as the day is soon to end

and so be it my holiday.

Thanks to God, the emancipator,
for letting me share with him
this wonderful, wonderful breeze.

-J.W. Sedam



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